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Bradshaw House
Deal Island
private

c. 1820

Built during the first decades of the nineteenth century, the Bradshaw House is perhaps the oldest dwelling to survive on Deal Island. The two-story, hall-parlor house retains distinctive Federal style details common to the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The diamond-pane transom over the front door, exposed brick firewalls, and raised six-panel doors are features worthy of note. Attached during the middle years of the century, the rear service wing contains the stair as well as a two-story side porch. The corn crib dates to the same period as the house.

Construction of this prominent frame house is attributed to Severn Mister, who started purchasing various tracts on Deal Island in 1814 (JP 1/416). Parts of "Purgatory," "Barbadoes," and "Self Preservation," were included in the \$ 1,700 purchase from Thomas Rowe. Eight years later Mister bought an additional tract called, "Grave's End" from Charles Jones (JD 7/370). In November of 1839, Severn and Keziah Mister transferred ownership of the plantation to their son, Bennett Mister (LH 218), who resided on the property with his family until mid century. Thomas Bradshaw acquired title to the property in August of 1861 (LW 7/159), and Bradshaw family members retained possession until the 1930s. Before sale of the property, the farm was repatented under the name, "Two Sisters," in 1929 by Addie W. and L. May Bradshaw.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bradshaw House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East side of Deal Island Road (MD 363) ___ not for publication

city, town Deal Island ___X___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___X___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___X___ building(s)	___X___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___X___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___X___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___X___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other: Hunt Club

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Deal Island Hunt Club

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Deal Island state and zip code Maryland 21821

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967 ___ federal ___X___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD. 21401

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

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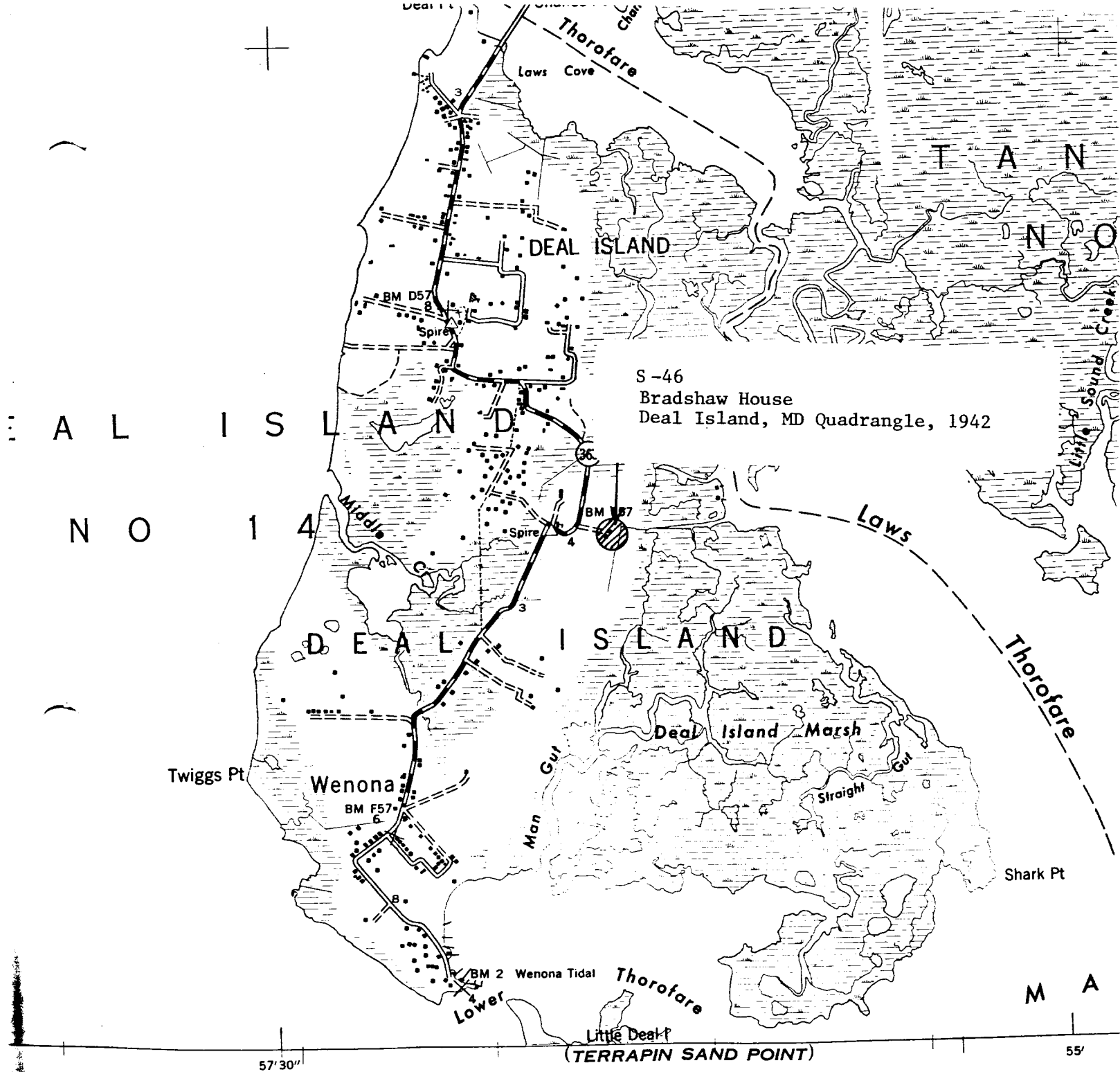
Description cont.

paneled reveals. The second floor is divided into two small bedrooms with a hall running along the south wall.

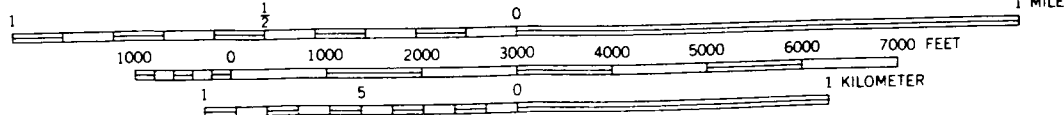
Located in the rear service wing is the current stair hall. A mid nineteenth-century decorated stair has a heavily turned newel post, rectangular balusters and an oval profile handrail. The stringer is embellished with applied scrollwork. Behind the stair hall is a nearly square room with a plain mid nineteenth-century mantel.

Standing northeast of the house is a rectangular mortise and tenon frame corn crib supported by a minimal brick pier foundation. Remnants of the original beveled edge, horizontal board sheathing survive along with a wood shingle roof. The roof is finished at its base with a plain boxed cornice, and the gable ends are flush. One board door in the south wall has a driven pintel on which swings a strap hinge. Attached to the east end of the crib is a shed roofed addition sheathed with vertical boards.

Located farther northeast of the house is a family cemetery of a dozen graves with a few markers. The engravings have badly deteriorated, but they are said to pertain to the Webster and Bradshaw families. One plot is framed by a metal fence.



SCALE 1:24 000



MAXIMUM GROUND ELEVATION 8 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

10,000-FOOT GRID TICKS, MARYLAND PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM, SHOWN IN BLACK
1000-METER GRID TICKS, UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR SYSTEM, ZONE 18, SHOWN IN BLUE

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Deal Island, Somerset Co. Md.

South Elevation

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Northeast Elevation

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Strap Hinge

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Deal Island, Somerset Co. Md.

Corn Crib, South elevation

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